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21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants Provide Academics, Enrichment and Opportunity

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is awarding 35 new grants to fund 21st Century Community Learning Centers in communities across the commonwealth. The competitive grants range from \$118,000 to \$200,000 and will allow school divisions and community groups to provide students with tutoring, enrichment activities that complement regular academic programs, and literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. The department also is continuing funding of 52 programs that received initial grants in 2013 and 2014.

The centers will operate before and after school, during school breaks, Saturdays, and during summer vacation. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program is authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

Applicants were encouraged to consult with parents, community groups, businesses, arts and cultural organizations, and other youth development agencies to develop successful applications and programs.

The new recipients for 2015-2016 are as follows:

- Brunswick County Public Schools Brunswick High
- Brunswick County Public Schools Meherrin Powelton Elementary
- Buena Vista City Public Schools Enderly Heights Elementary
- Carroll County Public Schools Carroll County Middle
- Charlotte County Public Schools Central Middle
- Charlottesville Public Schools Clarke Elementary
- Chesterfield County Public Schools Falling Creek Elementary
- Chesterfield County Public Schools Harrowgate Elementary
- Fairfax County Public Schools Burke School (Alternative School)
- Galax Public Schools Galax Middle
- Grayson County Public Schools Baywood Elementary and Fairview Elementary
- Greensville County Public Schools Belfield Elementary
- Greensville County Public Schools Greensville Elementary
- Hampton Public Schools Bassette Elementary
- Hampton Public Schools Cary Elementary
- Hampton Public Schools Davis Middle
- Hampton Public Schools Syms Middle
- James Madison University Spotswood Elementary, Harrisonburg Public Schools
- James Madison University Stone Spring Elementary, Harrisonburg Public Schools,
- Lynchburg Public Schools Linkhorne Elementary
- Lynchburg Public Schools William Marvin Bass Elementary
- Petersburg Public Schools A. P. Hill Elementary
- Piedmont Community Impact Organization, Inc. Brookneal Elementary, Campbell County Public Schools

- Prince Edward County Public Schools Prince Edward County Middle and Prince Edward County High
- Prince William County Public Schools R. Dean Kilby Elementary
- Pulaski County Public Schools Dublin Middle and Pulaski Middle
- Radford Public Schools Dalton Intermediate
- Radford Public Schools McHarg Elementary and Belle Heth Elementary
- Roanoke Public Schools Garden City Elementary
- Roanoke Public Schools Hurt Park Elementary
- Roanoke Public Schools Round Hill Elementary
- Roanoke Public Schools Westside Elementary
- Russell County Public Schools Castlewood Elementary and Copper Creek Elementary
- Russell County Public Schools Lebanon Elementary
- Warren County Public Schools Warren County Middle

Details about applying for the next competition will be announced in February 2016.

Additional information about the <u>21st Century Community Learning Centers program</u> is available on the VDOE website.